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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, which is a division of application Serial No. 09/600,509 filed July 17, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 10-12 remain in this application with claims 1-9 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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July 17, 2000. A telephone restriction requirement issued in that parent application and the instant division containing claims 10-12is directed to an non-elected invention in that parent application.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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